

Regional AGENDA

METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

January-February 2000

County Council approves reorganization, new leadership

Metropolitan King County Councilmembers recently elected a new chair and vice chair to serve through 2000. Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer will serve as chair of the council, and Councilmember Louise Miller as vice chair.



Pete von Reichbauer, recently elected chair of the council, will serve through 2000.

Councilmembers also approved a new committee structure, which reflects the council's commitment to consolidate and meet changing demands. As part of the reorganization, the council cut two committees, and placed a larger emphasis on budget accountability. In addition, the role of technology in government and society received new emphasis.

Von Reichbauer served as council vice chair during 1999, and chaired three vital council committees in recent years. He chaired the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee, Growth Management, and Utilities and Natural Resources. As chair of the budget committee, von Reichbauer successfully negotiated three formidable budgets. Under von Reichbauer's leadership, two of the three budgets were adopted unanimously

New Format for Regional Agenda

In an effort to save tax-payer money, the council decided on a format change for the Regional Agenda. It has changed from a monthly to a bi-monthly publication.

This cost-saving measure will reduce the amount of money spent by the council on printing and mailing.

We hope that you welcome this publishing change and continue to enjoy the information delivered to you through the Regional Agenda. We welcome your comments, by phone 206-296-1000 or via email at regional.agenda@metrokc.gov.

(13 to 0) and one was approved by a vote of 12 to 1, an unprecedented accomplishment.

Miller, who took over as vice chair, has been chair of the council for the past two years. Prior to that, she served four years as vice chair.

Von Reichbauer said, "It is critical that we work to regain the public's confidence in

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Newly elected Irons joins veterans on County Council

On Jan. 3, the oath of office was administered to six councilmembers who were elected in November. Presiding at the swearing-in ceremony were King County Superior Court Presiding Judge Brian Gain, Superior Court Judge Bill Downing, and Superior Court Judge Patricia Clark. Councilmembers sworn in included:

Rob McKenna (R) - District 6

Councilmember Rob McKenna begins his second term representing residents of Mercer Island, west and south Bellevue, the Points communities, Newcastle, and most of Renton.



*Councilmember
Rob McKenna*

Greg Nickels (D) - District 8

Residents of West Seattle, White Center and Vashon Island, and parts of Burien re-elected Councilmember Greg Nickels for the fourth time.



*Councilmember
Greg Nickels*

Larry Gossett (D) - District 10

Councilmember Larry Gossett will begin his seventh year on the council serving the people of Madison Park, Capitol Hill, the Central District, and parts of the International District, the University District and Pioneer Square.



*Councilmember
Larry Gossett*

David Irons (R) - District 12

Councilmember David Irons joins the council to represent Issaquah, Fall City, the upper Snoqualmie Valley, the central section of east King County, and parts of south Bellevue, east Renton, Sammamish, Maple Valley and Covington.



*Councilmember
David Irons*

Cynthia Sullivan (D) - District 2

Councilmember Cynthia Sullivan was re-elected to her fifth term to represent residents of Wallingford,

Green Lake, Sandpoint, Ravenna, Laurelhurst,

Northgate, and portions of north Seattle and Lake City.

Larry Phillips (D) - District 4

Elected for a third term, Councilmember Larry Phillips' district includes downtown Seattle, Queen Anne, Magnolia, Ballard, Crown Hill and Blue Ridge, plus the west end of Fremont.



*Councilmember
Larry Phillips*



Councilmember Cynthia Sullivan takes the oath of office. Councilmember Sullivan is beginning her fifth term representing the District 2

New rules approved for subdividing land

Since 1948, the division of land in unincorporated King County has been governed by the regulations contained in Title 19 of the King County Code. In December, the Metropolitan King County Council adopted a measure, which repealed the more than 50-year-old regulations and established new rules for all divisions of land.

These new rules affect subdivisions (five or more lots), short subdivisions (four or less lots), binding site plans, and adjustments to property lines.

Many of the changes in the code are housekeeping in nature, intending to bring the county code in line with state law. However, several provisions represent more substantial policy shifts.

For example, the measure raises the size – from 20 acres to 40 acres – of divisions that are exempt from the subdivision or short subdivision process. "The county is committed to protecting the rural Northwest lifestyle many people expect and enjoy. The rule change closes a loophole in the code exploited by land speculators looking to develop subdivisions in rural King County," commented Councilmember Larry Phillips.

The new rules took effect earlier this year. All land division applications vested prior to that date will continue to be governed by the old regulations and its associated rules.

Kingdome to be demolished

On January 26th, King County completed its work in the Kingdome and transferred the property to the Public Stadium Authority (PSA), for the upcoming demolition of the Kingdome and construction of the new football and soccer stadium.

Information about the Kingdome demolition and the overall project can be found on the First and Goal web site at www.firstandgoal.com and the PSA web site at www.stadium.org. Those interested in the project can also call the PSA at (206) 205-8600.

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government by improving public accessibility and regional cooperation. This new structure reflects a balanced approach that utilizes the strengths of each councilmember and enables them to make significant contributions to the council and the region."

Under the reorganization, the Committee on Unincorporated Areas and the Housing and Policy Planning Committee were incorporated into a new Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas Committee. Councilwoman Cynthia Sullivan was appointed chair of the committee, which will oversee a five-year review of the county's Comprehensive Plan in the coming year.

Councilmember David Irons was named chair of the new Utilities and Technology Committee, which will focus on the importance of technology to citizens and government.

The Budget and Fiscal Management Committee, chaired by Councilmember Rob McKenna, will include two new subcommittees. The Budget Development and Analysis subcommittee, chaired by Councilmember Jane Hague, will review and develop approaches to zero-based budgeting, outsourcing and managing overhead spending. A Capital Projects subcommittee, chaired by Councilman Greg Nickels, will study the county's space plan, building projects, and general government capital improvement plans.

Please see the enclosed council brochure for a complete list of new committee chairs and vice chairs, membership, meeting times and locations or visit us online at www.metrokc.gov/mkcc.



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What we're doing . . .



The Council and the Executive proclaimed the month of January as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. month in King County. Members of the Martin Luther King Celebration Planning Committee accepted the proclamation on January 10, 2000. Pictured from left to right are Councilmember Louise Miller, Harold Mann from the King County Department of Transportation, Bailey delongh from the King County Office of Civil Rights Enforcement, and Councilmember Larry Gossett.



Metropolitan King County Councilmember Louise Miller (left) and Seattle artist Norie Sato stand near King County's newest artwork, "Influence of Influents: Rain Drain." The artwork, part of the King County Public Art Program, is incorporated into King County's North Creek Pump Station in Bothell. The recently constructed pump station, a major addition to the county's sewage treatment system, will monitor and control waste water flows from the northend of the county. That system serves over one million customers in Snohomish and King County.



Councilmembers Greg Nickels (right), Larry Phillips (center right) and Cynthia Sullivan (center left) present Ray Horodowicz (left) from the Fremont Public Association Senior Nutrition Program with a surplus King County van.

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